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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT
Issued by the weather bureau at
Washington, D. C., for the week
beginning Wednesday August 18.
Local showers will be followed by
fair weather for a day or so.

OLD FRAUD ON DUTY
The trade balance of the United
States for the year ending June
30 has reached a total of \$1,094-
422,702. This is a gain of \$623-
800,000 over last year, and a gain
of \$428,000,000 over the greatest
record in the past years.—Poplar
Bluff Citizen.

That old fraud about the bal-
ance of trade continues to bob up.
No matter which party is in the
saddle, they use it as an evidence
of General Prosperity. Either the
editors that publish it are ig-
norant of its meaning, or they
willfully try to deceive.

Old Mr. Balance of Trade is a
twin brother to that other old
fraud—the per capita wealth of
the nation. But in telling about
our per capita wealth, they don't
carry the story far enough to tell
you that a man like Rockefeller
owns a billion of that wealth
while the producing masses own
practically none of it.

The figures above quoted are
very damaging to the interests
represented by the papers that
publish them as a boost for the
existing order. They prove that
the work people produced over a
billion dollars worth of surplus
products that the class that lives
from rent, interest and profit got
and sold abroad.

They prove that this surplus ac-
ounted to \$547 for every family
of five in the nation—or \$194 for
each inhabitant.

Will the Citizens please point out
the producer who got his—except
a very few farmers who were
able to hold their grain until the
rise came?

A FRIDAY ARGUMENT

By Ralph Korngold

What is the most formidable
argument in the whole range of
Socialist philosophy?

There are many formidable ar-
guments; but there is one which
the opponents of Socialism can
not even make a bluff at answer-
ing.

It is the argument about the
inevitability of Socialism.

Most Socialists are acquainted
with this argument.

Of course, every one knows
that the worker produces a sur-
plus over and above the amount
of his wages.

With its wages the working
class is therefore able to buy
back only a part of its products.

The capitalist class, being a
small class, can not possibly con-
sume the remainder, or use it all
up in riotous living, and must
therefore find a foreign market
for it.

Now the foreign markets of the
world are limited; in fact have
almost disappeared. Most other
nations, instead of being markets,
are themselves looking for mar-
kets, having conditions identical
with those we have in the United
States.

Japan, which used to be a very
profitable market, has practical-
ly ceased to be one. China is be-
ing rapidly "modernized," and will
soon supply its own wants, and
perhaps be looking for a market
itself.

Now, if every nation wants to
sell and no nation wants to buy—
because those who want to buy
CAN NOT buy—there will be a
universal stagnation of industry;
that is STARVATION.

Whereupon the nations will be
able to make their choice be-
tween STARVATION OR SOCIAL-
IZATION, that is SOCIALISM.

This is the argument concisely
stated. There is no loophole in
this argument. The opponents
of Socialism can't get over it or
around it. He must face it. AND
HE IS FACING A STONE WALL.

Herbert Spencer recognized the
force of this argument, and de-
clared Socialism to be inevitable.

John Stuart Mills recognized the
force of this argument, and it
made him a convert to Socialism.

AND AS LONG AS THIS AR-
GUMENT REMAINS UNCHAL-
LENGED SOCIALISM REMAINS
UNCHALLENGED.

It is quite useless for an op-
ponent of Socialism to try to "un-
riddle" Socialism by showing
that it will destroy the home, the
church, incentive or individuality,
as long as he is unable to dis-
prove the argument of the in-
evitability of Socialism.

For, if Socialism is inevitable,
we may consider it a great pity
if it will do any of these things.
BUT IT DOES NOT BECOME
ANY LESS INEVITABLE ON
THAT ACCOUNT.

Supposing an astronomer were
to prove with mathematical ac-
curacy that San Francisco was
going to have another earth-
quake, would you try to dispose
his statement by demonstrating
that an earthquake was impossi-
ble BECAUSE IT WOULD DE-
STROY THE HOMES AND
CHURCHES IN SAN FRANCISCO?

Socialism will come because the
human race may consent to
starve for awhile and to a cer-
tain degree, BUT IT WILL NOT
CONSENT TO STARVE PER-
PETUALLY AND TO A DEGREE
HITHERTO UNKNOWN.

If the coming of Socialism will
destroy the home, the church, in-
dividuality and incentive, why,
then so much the worse for the
home, the church, individuality
and incentive.

LEOM FRANK LYNCHED
Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M.
Frank, serving a life term for the
murder of Mary Phagan, was
taken from the prison farm at
Milledgeville last night and lynched
by an armed party. He was
hanged to a tree.

Frank was brought 100 miles
from the prison farm to a point
almost within sight of the former
home of Mary Phagan.

Milledgeville, Ga., Aug. 17.—
The band which lynched Leo M.
Frank today arrived at the pris-
on farm here late last night, over-
powered the guard and sped away
with their prisoner in automobiles.

HERE AND YONDER.
Cape Girardeau has a Commer-
cial club—one of these hot air af-
fairs that is supposed to sprout
prosperity for a town. The club
recently cut out the Bull Moose
train that brought much trade to
Cape. A protest meeting of the
club was held and Postmaster E.
W. Flentge made a talk in which
he intimated that the club was a
sort of railroad annex because so
many of its members ride on free
passes. This seemed to hit Secre-
tary Hinchey squarely between
the eyes and, according to press
reports, he told Mr. Flentge that
if he didn't like the club, to get
out. It has stirred up a pretty
mess, and Mr. Hinchey confessed
to being supplied with "editorial
milkage."

The bankers, backed by the na-
tional government, are again go-
ing to "save" the cotton farmers.
They press reports. When these
two forces combine to "save"
anything, the thing to be saved
had better hide out. Last year
the bankers and Uncle Sam "saved"
the cotton farmers' by getting
their cotton for six cents and sell-
ing it later on for twenty cents
—the government guaranteeing
safe delivery to Europe by going
into the insurance business. The
bankers and our government are
a hot team. In fact, they are one.

Receivers are in charge of Mis-
souri Pacific and Iron-Mountain
railroads. The management ad-
mits that it cannot pay interest
on dividends on the inflated stock.
Nearly all of the railroads are in
the hands of receivers. This in-
dicates that private ownership has
failed and is appealing to the
government for help. If the gov-
ernment can take wrecked and
looted railroads and operate them
why can it not own and operate
roads that have not been wrecked
and looted by "private enterprise"?
Will some "home-head" please an-
swer THAT?

J. R. Mice of near Morley was in
Benton Monday to see what he
could do about what he thinks
was an unwarranted search of his
premises just after the burglaries
at Morley last week. He says a
search warrant was sworn out by
Mr. Smiley, and that his was the
only residence searched. Tony
Stanley, son of Ben Stanley, and a
stranger were arrested at Morley
last week, he says, with the goods
on them which they claim to have
purchased from a stranger at the
Junction. Both are in jail here.

The people of Galveston, Texas,
got a severe scare Monday. Storm
swept the entire coast, and the
water-front of the city was flood-
ed to a depth of a foot. A report
from Brownsville has it that sev-
eral ships were upset. No lives
are reported lost, and it is esti-
mated that 5,000 people fled from
the city. Some years ago many
hundreds of people were drowned
during a similar storm and a sea-
wall was built to protect the in-
habitants. The wall stood and no
great damage to the city is re-
ported.

Ex-President Taft was in Saint
Louis Monday to make a speech
at a banquet—to feed, drink and
expel hot air. Since the daily pa-
pers put the most important hap-
penings of such events in their
head-lines, we find in the Globe-
Democrat top times, "Tight Shoes
Keep Taft Out of Golf Game." It
is these golf chaps that are howl-
ing for a bigger army and navy.
They fear somebody will spoil the
game they are playing.

Some time ago a federal grand
jury indicted a bunch of the rich-
est rascals in the country who
looted the New Haven railroad.
The farce has actually been sta-
ged in court and people are ex-
pected to take it seriously. In a
"free" country, where people are
asked to believe that all are e-
qual before the law, such stage-
plays are necessary. But the
show don't take our breath as it
used to.

John J. Hunter of Morley has
bought the D. A. Glenn residence
property at the Cape and will
move his family there. What a
pity it is for Mr. Glenn—the man
who has probably done more than
anyone else for Cape Girardeau—
that, in his advanced years, he
should have to part with his nice
home. But the system is no re-
specter of persons—and Mr. Glenn
believed in the system.

Enil Schott, formerly of Scott
county, writes from Cottonwood
Idaho, under date of August 2nd—
"Am awfully busy now. Have just
got my hay hauled in and am
busy harvesting the grain. Cut all
of last week and have two more
weeks work binding. Crops are
pretty good around here." Enil
enclosed one of those Idaho dollar
bills, of course.

M. G. Bryant and Dick Williams
of near Morley were here Monday.
Mr. Bryant visited his brother,
George, near Commerce who is be-
ing treated for cancer of the face
and reports him getting along all
right.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

We are getting lots of "news"
these days concerning the con-
duct of the Mexicans. One day we
are told of the Mexicans over-run-
ning Texas as far inland as ninety
miles. Next day all appears quiet.
At times our troops are fired on
by Mexicans, but it is evident that
each American soldier has a rab-
bit's foot in his pocket, for none
of them get hit.

Four of the owners of the East-
land and the captain and engine-
er have been indicted for manslau-
ghter and criminal negligence. A
thousand people were murdered
for profit in the capitalizing of
the Eastland, and I don't expect any
one will be found responsible for
it—except God.

Rev. Silas N. Eversole of South
Bend, Ind., hung himself in jail at
South Bend Sunday night. He was
accused of the murder of Hazel
MacKlin, 15 years old, in a way
that closely rivals the brutal mur-
der of Anna Amiller by the Rev.
Father Hans Schmitt.

Monday morning Albert Gillman
was shot and killed by Chick Sim-
mons at Morehouse. Both men
have families and were employed
at the lumber works.

J. W. Bowman of Brooks Junc-
tion was here Monday. He says
the farmers around the Junction
are eating fairly regular since the
melon season set in.

A. A. Belk, son and daughter of
Rockview, passed through Benton
Saturday on their way to Sandy-
woods after a load of melons.

Miss Emelia and Master August
Elfert of Illmo came down Friday
and remained over Sunday visit-
ing the Ristig family.

WANT MERCHANDISE.
A 30-acre well improved farm,
within one-fourth mile of Kenett,
Ark., a flourishing town with 3
railroads. On main traveled road
—rich, level and not a rock on it.
Price, \$2,400. Clear title. Grow-
ing crops, \$200; cattle and tools
\$300. Will exchange all for a
clean STOCK OF MERCHANDISE
at its cash value. Possession now.
Write and describe what you have
at once. W. W. WALTERS,
Kenett, Ark.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT.
There can be no absolute pri-
vate title to land. All private ti-
tles, whether called fee simple or
otherwise, are and must be subor-
dinate to the public title. The
Socialist Party tries to prevent
land from being used for the pur-
pose of exploitation and specu-
lation. It demands the collective
possession, control or manage-
ment of land to whatever extent
may be necessary to attain that
end. It is not opposed to occupa-
tion and possession of land by
those using it in a useful and
bona fide manner without ex-
propriation, but—National
Socialist platform.

MAKING ONE.
"Senator, you promised me a
job."
"But there are no jobs."
"I need a job, senator."
"Well, I'll ask for a commission
to investigate as to why there
are no jobs and you can get a job
on that."—Louisville Courier-Jour-
nal.

If you are a checker player you
know that there is such a thing
as getting your "men" in such a
position that no matter which
way you move you lose. This is
the position capitalism is in today
—every move capitalism makes, it
sticks to the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM NEW HAMBURG
August Welter and Miss Emma
Schlosser were married here by
Rev. Moening Tuesday. The Misses
Pauline Welter and Nora Westrich
were the bridesmaids, and Adam
Schlosser and Edw. Welter were
groomsmen. The groom is the
son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welter
of Keleso and the bride is the daugh-
ter of Mrs. Martin Bischer.

Lawrence Reigert and Anton L.
Hahn, two of our prominent young
men, went to Illmo Sunday to get
some of that health-restoring wa-
ter at Perkins springs. They did
not find the springs and, instead,
drank from a creek. Lawrence
thinks he swallowed a turtle and
complains of a queer feeling in
the stomach.

Word has reached here of the
death of Donat B. Scherer at St.
Anthony's hospital, Denver, Colo.,
on Tuesday of last week. He was
a brother to Mrs. Nick Schlosser of
this place and Mrs. Louis Legrand
of Penton.

We are annoyed with an over-
production of life insurance agents.
Judging from the many ar-
gents there must be a good crop
of suckers, as well as oats, corn
and other things.

Friday was ground hog day for
us. John Blattel caught a ground
hog at his place and gave it to
Lawrence Reigert, who is consid-
ering opening a museum.

Lawrence Hahn of Portageville
passed thru here on his way to
Keleso to be present at the mar-
riage of his brother Tuesday.

The Misses Mary and Dina El-
fert of Oran and their cousin, Miss
Frieda Twillman of St. Louis, at-
tended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz and son
Frank, and daughter, Miss Lucy,
and Mrs. George Dumey were at
the Cape last week.

John Stike, Joe Compas and Frk.
Diebold, have organized into a
combine for the manufacture of
hard cider.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dannenmu-
eller and Leo Gosche, sr., have
returned from a visit to Schuemer
Springs.

George Dumey and August Glau-
s and their families Sundayed with
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis
Goetz.

Mrs. Lena Littlefield of Saint
Louis and Miss Ollie Diebold spent
Tuesday with Mrs. Joe Pfefferkorn
a force of men are working on
the picnic grounds to get it ready
for the picnic Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the ball
at Stike's hall Monday night and
all report a good time.

Wm. Lee of Oran spent Monday
with the family of Louis Schott
near Chaffee.

Philip Westrich is building a
machine shed for Barney Bauden-
distel.

Miss Mary Hoefler is down from
St. Louis to spend the week with
home folks.

Joe Compas and family visited
the family of Joe Glueck at Ellis
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dohogne of
near Biela were here Sunday.

Louis Goetz and Lawrence Scha-
fer were at Chaffee Monday.

Alois Felton and August Halter
of Keleso were here Monday.

Willie Gosche and family have
moved to near Randles.

Louis Gosche and wife were at
Oran Monday.

EXAGGERATED.
"Robert," said the teacher to a
small pupil, "can you tell me what
'imagination' is?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the little
fellow, "imagination it what
makes a fellow think a bee's
stinger is three feet long after he
gets stung."—Seattle Star.

There are not many people who
will do without the Kicker.

FROM COMMERCE.
Miss Ruth Reynolds gave a par-
ty Wednesday night which was
attended by the Misses Mary and
Ruth Beardsale, Lucy Brundett,
Zerna Daily, Gladys Windmueller,
Irene Kendall, Frank Marshall,
Leslie Stroud, Clyde Dickerson, L.
A. Hughes, A. L. Dodge, Fred Old
and Charles Blackledge. After
the boys left the girls enjoyed a
bunkin' party.

"Dandy," the family horse of
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bondurant,
got out of the lot Saturday night
and was found dead Sunday morn-
ing hanging by his hind feet,
where he had slipped thru a rail-
road trestle.

The Misses Helen and Ruth High
and their father returned to St.
Louis Saturday. Also Geo. Brun-
dett, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Rex
Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cunningham
and Mrs. H. W. Dodge and son
Adiel, autoed down from St. Louis
Tuesday in Mr. Cunningham's car.
B. Ervin and family have moved
from Cat Island into one of Ed. A.
Johnson's houses on Front St.

W. Hayes and family, who have
been visiting relatives near St.
Louis, have returned.

Mrs. Fannie Stubbfield of Mal-
den visited her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Anderson.

Eddie Hutson and Jessie and
Sydney Simmons and Charley El-
lie have been sick.

Mrs. Wise of Millerville return-
ed home Saturday after a visit
with Mrs. Hughes.

The Misses Bessie and Addie
Bondurant are here from St. Louis
visiting relatives.

Mrs. John Dailey and Raymond
Prince are having their residences
remodeled.

Mrs. Grace High, who has been
ill for some time, is very much
worse.

F. C. Miller, our school princi-
pal, was over from Morley Thurs-
day.

Mrs. Clara Anderson and Irene
Kendall spent Saturday in Cairo.
Rev. Bennett and Mary Stroud
are up at Marquand fishing.

Joe Hammond returned to his
home in Memphis Saturday.

Miss Lela Groves has returned
from a visit to Arkansas.

Miss Sadie DeWint came home
from St. Louis Thursday.

Harry Finley is down from St.
Louis visiting relatives.

Capt. Harry Bridges, of Cape,
was here Monday.

Miss Bessie Matthews is visiting
home folks here.

The young folks had a dance on
Friday night.

Miss Gertie Hawkins is visiting
in Illmo.

FROM ROCKVIEW.
A fine daughter was born to
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hipes on the
12th. All doing nicely except Joe
who is threatened with having to
buy a larger hat.

A. C. Miller of Commerce was
here last week visiting his daugh-
ter, Mrs. W. J. Belk.

Mrs. Ray Jones visited her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ledure,
last week.

Alice Rasberry, who has been
sick for some time, is reported no
better.

W. J. Belk went to the sand to
get a load of melons Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Hall of Illinois is vi-
siting her mother, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. A. H. Schlegel bought a
fine cow from Mrs. Carroll.

Gus Schlegel is having the tim-
ber sawed for a new barn.

Alex Belk is having lumber cut
for a commodious barn.

The Carroll and Holmes boys are
hauling logs.

So long as the workers take the
advice of the boss on political mat-
ters the boss will remain boss.

FROM ORAN.
A Mr. Banta from Macon county
came here recently and opened up
a lunch room and soft drink estab-
lishment. Last week the sheriff
of Macon county came and got
him. He is charged with passing
some worthless checks. Mr. Banta
should take a change of venue to
Scott county and insist that the
same law and justice be applied to
him that was applied to Rucker.

They have established a milita-
ry training school in New York for
"citizen soldiers." But I haven't
noticed any account of the pres-
ence of Citizen John D. Rockefeller
Jr. Maybe he is to busy with his
bible and Sunday school class.

Fredoline Scherer, who has been
farming on the Hayden place the
past year, says he will move to
Advance, where his father, Theo-
phil Scherer, has bought a farm.
His brother, Barney, will move to
the place he will vacate.

Ben Elftink returned from Port-
ageville, where he has a farm and
says crops look fine there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNeely of
Sandywoods were Oran visitors
Monday.

Frank Bavis died Tuesday of
dropsy. He was buried at Morley.
Attorney Joe Moore of Sikeston
was here on business.

FROM LUXEMBURG.
Among the visitors at the Cape
this week were John Seyer and
wife, Alois Heisserer and family,
Wm. Leible and family, Joe Blatt-
tel and Joe Scherer.

Mrs. H. J. Lich of St. Louis and
her mother, Mrs. Chas. Heuring, of
near Illmo visited at B. J. Enderle's
this week. Mrs. Lich reports hard
times in the city.

Jake and Theon, two sons of Mr.
and Mrs. Charley Diebold, spent
Sunday with Wm. Leible and fam-
ily.

Wm. Welter and wife and Ad-
olph Welter of Anzell Sundayed
with the family of Joe Welter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zent of Anzell
Sundayed with their daughter,
Mrs. Andrew Scherer.

Frank Legrand bought several
head of cattle around here and
shipped them Saturday.

Mrs. John Enderle and children
spent one day last week with Mrs.
Joe Welter.

Albin Martin and family spent a
day with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blatt-
tel, August Lux is hauling clover.

FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Herman Musbach and Dave San-
der went to the Sand Thursday
after melons. Henry Elfert con-
cluded that he must have some
also and went down Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Musbach,
Fred Kussmaul, Will Sprenger
and the Misses Marie and Auguste
Elfert spent Sunday with the fam-
ily of Henry Elfert.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sander Sun-
dayed with the family of David
Sander, and Mr. and Mrs. David
Miller spent the day with Lester
Beegs.

Will Sprenger and Miss Marie
Elfert took dinner with Will San-
ders at Forneft, and it tasted so
good that they stayed for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Sander and
Mrs. Walters of the Cape, spent
Sunday at David Held's.

Will Sprenger and Fred Kuss
maul attended the party at Miss
Lydia Elfert's Sunday.

John and Alfred and Miss Emma
Sander spent Sunday with Miss
Christine Elfert.

Miss Bessie Russell spent Sun-
day with the Misses Bertha and
Amanda Sander.

The Misses Alma Roth and Alvi-
na Sanders Sundayed with Miss
Nellie Bates.

Several from here attended the
Mission Fest at Jackson.

Alonzo Bates is a visitor at Pop-
lar Bluff.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Strayed or Stolen.—A light bay
mare, 15 hands high, black mane
and tail, shed all around. Last
seen at Glatfelter's saw mill near
Rockview. Any information will
be highly appreciated, and if re-
turned, will pay reasonable re-
ward. J. W. Gornet, Rockview, Mo.

For Sale.—My farm of 40 acres
three miles east of Advance, Mo.,
good land; all cleared and no
stumps. In drainage district—but
\$8 taxes. Price, \$2,000. L. Roux,
Care of Dr. J. L. Cook, Advance, Mo.

For Sale.—A good, second-hand
automobile. R. B. Heuchan & Son,
Commerce, Mo.

Ship us your wool and hides.
Farmers Co-Operative Exchange
Co., 404 N. First St., St. Louis, Mo.

If you have anything to sell at
public auction, write or phone me.
Practical auctioneer. J. A. Scam-
ahorn, Chaffee, Mo.

For Sale.—First class residence
property in the town of Benton.
Apply to T. P. STONE, Benton.

For Sale.—A good 160-acre farm
7 miles south of Commerce—pro-
tected by levee. Easy terms.
W. J. Worsley, Commerce, Mo.

For Sale.—A complete butcher's
outfit, including a large refrig-
erator. W. J. Worsley, Commerce.

Send us one dollar and get five
pounds of good coffee by parcel-
post delivered to your door.

Send for Grocery price list.
Farmers Co-Operative Exchange
Co., 404 N. First St., St. Louis, Mo.
Stick to the unmuzzled Kicker.

PUBLIC SALE.
Saturday, Aug. 21, at my place,
two miles Southeast of Benton, on
the Blodgett road, I will sell four
work mules, one family mare, two
milk cows, an 8-foot Deering blin-
der, mower, two hay-rakes, wheat
drill, stalk cutter, three wagons
sulky and walking plows, gears
harness and many other articles.

Terms.—Five dollars and under
cash; over \$5 a credit of twelve
months will be given, purchaser
giving 8 per cent note with ap-
proved security. If paid at ma-
turity no interest will be char-
ged. WM. TREINEN.

"Socialism will break up the
home," yawns the bone-head as
he sees the heads of families going
from place to place in search of a
chance to provide for his loved
ones. Often he finds it not and
disappears.

Don't Neglect YOUR EYES!

DR. J. J. SCHNEIDER,
THE CAPE OPTICIAN
will be at
BENTON, MO.,
Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 25,
At Benton Hotel.

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